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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(X) continuation application of:
() divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/552,669 filed April 19, 2000

Title Fault Tolerant Data Storage Systems and Methods of Operating a Fault Tolerant Data Storage System

Name of applicant(s) Robert Rust, Barry J. Oldfield, Steven Shrader, Christine Grund, Christopher W. Johansson

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

() Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
filed _____
() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a (X) continuation () divisional
of copending application number 09/552,669 filed on April 19, 2000
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Invent rship Stat ment

- () Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Ass ciate Attorney

- () Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____
Registration No. _____
() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record
() the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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Other Amendments

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- (X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	31 — 20	11	X \$18	\$ 198
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 — 3	2	X \$86	\$ 172
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$290	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$340.00); Utility (\$770.00)				\$ 770
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 1,140
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 1,140

Charge \$ 1,140 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rust et al.

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